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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PINT, PFOR, IS

SUBJECT: LABOR PARTY ELECTIONS

1. TEDDY PREUSS, CORRESPONDENT FOR DAVAR, HAS INFORMED US THAT HE SAW PRIME MINISTER RABIN ON JANUARY 26 IN CONNECTION WITH PROFILES HE IS PREPARING ON BOTH RABIN AND PERES. HE SAID THAT IT SEEMED TO HIM THAT RABIN "WAS NOT PARTICULARLY CONFIDENT" THAT HE WOULD DEFEAT PERES IN THE PARTY ELECTIONS. RABIN HAD NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS CHANCES SHOULD IMPROVE ON THE SECOND BALLOT, IN THE EVENT NO CANDIDATE GETS A MAJORITY ON THE FIRST BALLOT. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE WOULD FOLLOW THE FRENCH PROCEDURE IN THAT, IN A THREE-WAY CONTEST, THE CANDIDATE DREWING THE LEAST NUMBER OF VOTES WOULD WITHDRAW AFTER THE FIRST BALLOT. THUS, IF THE VOTING IS NOT DECIDED ON THE FIRST BALLOT, RABIN SAID THAT HE ASSUMED EBAN WOULD BE IN THIRD PLACE AND WOULD WITHDRAW. IN THE SECOND BALLOT, HE BELIEVED THAT HE WOULD GET MOST OF THE EBAN SUPPORT, AND WOULD DO SO EVEN IF EBAN ATTEMPTED TO PERSUADE HIS SUPPORTERS CONFIDENTIAL

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TO VOTE FOR PERES.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE DECIDED ON JANUARY 26 THAT VOTE FOR PARTY LEADERSHIP WOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE. WHILE THIS DECISION REPORTEDLY COULD BE OVERRULED BY LABOR CONVENTION, WE ASSUME FROM RABIN'S COMMENTS TO PREUSS THAT HE BELIEVES

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